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### AP and SAT results strong

MADISON — Preliminary data from the Advanced Placement (AP) program showed an increase in the number of state students participating in the program and solid overall results. The AP information comes with state and national SAT scores, where Wisconsin's 2014 graduates posted strong results, outpacing students in the national cohort by more than 90 points on the college admissions exams.

Wisconsin had 2,522 public and private school graduates take the SAT during high school, about 4 percent of the state's graduating class of 2014. They had mean scores of 596 for critical reading, 608 for mathematics, and 578 for writing. These are the highest Wisconsin's mean scores have been over five years. The College Board's College and Career Readiness benchmark score for each of the tests is 500; 79 percent of Wisconsin's graduates

SAT Results over 5 Years				
Wisconsin — All Students				
Year	Takers	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2009-10	3,063	593	603	578
2010-11	3,059	590	602	575
2011-12	2,782	594	605	577
2012-13	2,632	591	604	576
2013-14	2,522	596	608	578

earned the overall benchmark score of 1,500, indicating a 65 percent probability of obtaining a first-year grade point average of B- or higher at a four-year college or university. Nationally, mean scores were 497 for critical reading, 513 for mathematics, and 487 for writing.

"As has been the trend, Wisconsin's SAT test-takers have overall results that anyone can be proud of," said State Superintendent Tony Evers.

Most of the state's graduates, 73 percent, take the ACT college admissions exam. For 2014 graduates, the statewide average composite score was 22.2, placing Wisconsin second in the nation among ACT-taking states. In spring, all Wisconsin public high school juniors will take the ACT as part of the state's testing program.

"I am proud of our 2014 graduates and their performance on college admissions tests," Evers said. "I am equally proud of students who took AP exams. The preliminary results show improvements from last year even as AP continues to grow across the state."

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Overall, Wisconsin had 38,431 students in grades 11 and 12 who took an AP exam in May 2014. Those public and private school students took 64,398 exams and earned a score of three or higher on 48,864 exams (68.1 percent). Students earning scores of three or higher on an exam, generally qualify for credit or advanced standing at most colleges and universities. Wisconsin results across most racial and ethnic student groups showed improvement from 2013.

2014 AP Program		
All Students		
	Wisconsin	Nation
Number of AP Test-Takers	38,431	2,342,528
Number of Exams	64,398	4,176,200
Number of Scores 3-5	43,864	2,468,811
Percent Earning Scores of 3-5	68.1	59.1

Participation in AP testing in Wisconsin was up 4.3 percent from the prior year, but showed a smaller increase than the previous four years. Additionally, there were strong increases in participation across racial and ethnic student groups, except among African American students where participation decreased. Wisconsin students who identified themselves as being from a traditionally underrepresented racial or ethnic group made up 13.1 percent of students taking AP exams, about the same percentage as last year, and had solid increases in the percentage of AP exams scored at three or higher. Disparities in performance by students of color are apparent.

“We must confront achievement gaps,” Evers said. “My Promoting Excellence for All Task Force pulled together a broad cross-section of strategies to start moving the needle on the achievement gap. Educators have a big role to play, but will need the help of leaders, the business community, parents, and citizens to see this through.”

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**NOTES:** The Department of Public Instruction does not receive SAT results for schools or school districts. Tables that provide additional information about preliminary Advanced Placement results follow. A more detailed analysis of AP results will be provided in the “AP Report to the Nation,” usually issued in February. This news release is available electronically at [http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2014\\_108.pdf](http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2014_108.pdf).

# 2014 Preliminary AP Results

## AP Performance by Racial and Ethnic Group 2013

2014

Wisconsin All Students	Test- Takers	Number of Exams	Number of Scores 3-5	Percent of Scores 3-5	Test- Takers	Number of Exams	Number of Scores 3-5	Percent of Scores 3-5
African American	1,122	1,630	452	27.7	1,086	1,678	506	30.2
American Indian	158	235	121	51.5	181	274	159	58.0
Asian	1,912	3,720	2,498	67.2	2,010	4,096	2,824	68.9
Mexican American	946	1,507	721	47.8	1,099	1,868	966	51.7
Puerto Rican	176	269	131	48.7	201	299	143	47.8
Other Hispanic	458	745	488	65.5	464	793	513	64.7
White	30,934	51,426	35,993	70.0	32,194	53,529	37,647	70.3
Other	616	1,107	735	66.4	563	1,031	696	67.5
No Response	507	696	369	53.0	633	830	410	49.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,829</b>	<b>61,335</b>	<b>41,508</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>38,431</b>	<b>64,398</b>	<b>43,864</b>	<b>68.1</b>

## AP Participation by Racial and Ethnic Group

Wisconsin All Students	Test-Takers					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
African American	651	667	812	840	1,122	1,086
American Indian	114	108	120	132	158	181
Asian	1,244	1,306	1,581	1,610	1,912	2,010
Hispanic*	760	970	1,251	1,366	1,580	1,764
White	23,673	25,251	26,637	28,231	30,934	32,194
Other	399	442	443	464	616	563
No Response	428	638	571	812	507	633
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>29,382</b>	<b>31,415</b>	<b>33,455</b>	<b>36,829</b>	<b>38,431</b>
<b>AP Growth</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>

\* Total participation by students who identify as Mexican American, Puerto Rican, or Other Hispanic

## AP Performance over Time

All Students						
Wisconsin	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of AP Test-Takers	27,269	29,382	31,415	33,455	36,829	38,431
Number of Exams	43,830	47,552	51,486	55,300	61,335	64,398
Number of Grades 3-5	30,000	32,740	35,062	37,808	41,508	43,864
Percent Earning Grades of 3-5	68.4	68.9	68.1	68.4	67.7	68.1
<b>Nation</b>						
Number of AP Test-Takers	1,691,905	1,845,006	1,973,545	2,099,948	2,218,578	2,342,528
Number of Exams	2,929,929	3,213,225	3,456,020	3,698,407	3,938,100	4,176,200
Number of Grades 3-5	1,725,168	1,861,669	2,003,811	2,191,472	2,323,157	2,468,811
Percent Earning Grades of 3-5	58.9	57.9	58.0	59.3	59.0	59.1

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